



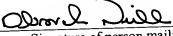
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Group Art Unit: 1761  
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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Sir:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction dated September 20, 2004 as between Group I, consisting of claims 1-6 and Group II consisting of claims 7-16, applicant hereby elects Group II consisting of claims 7-16 to be examined first. The election is without traverse and does not affect the inventorship.

It now goes without saying that applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application regarding Group II currently not elected.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
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